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Jacob & Cynthia Morris Farmstead







Cabin







Barn





Pig House



Chicken Barn

Marion & Annie Warren Farmstead

















“Messenger of Peace” Chapel Car



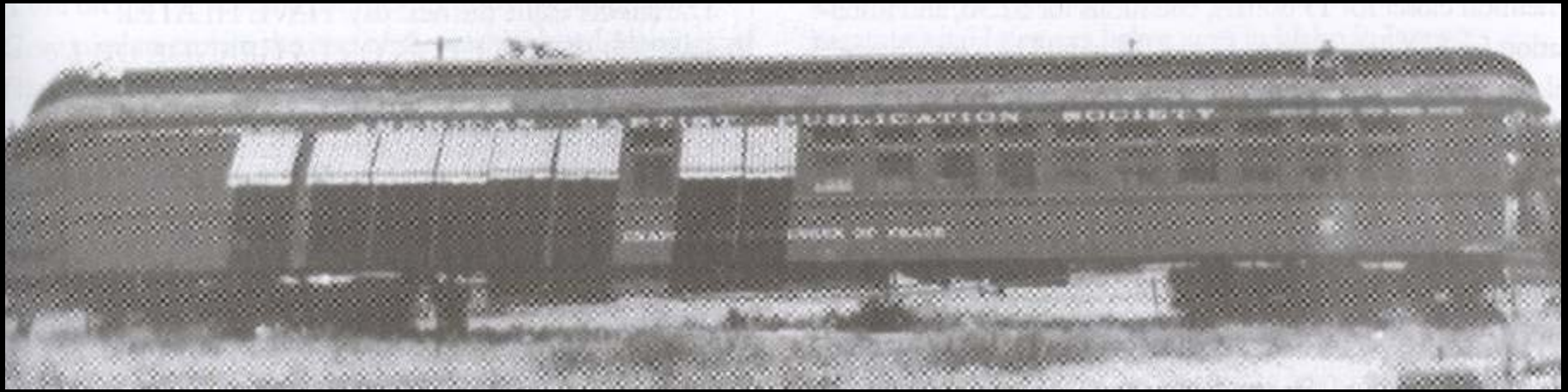




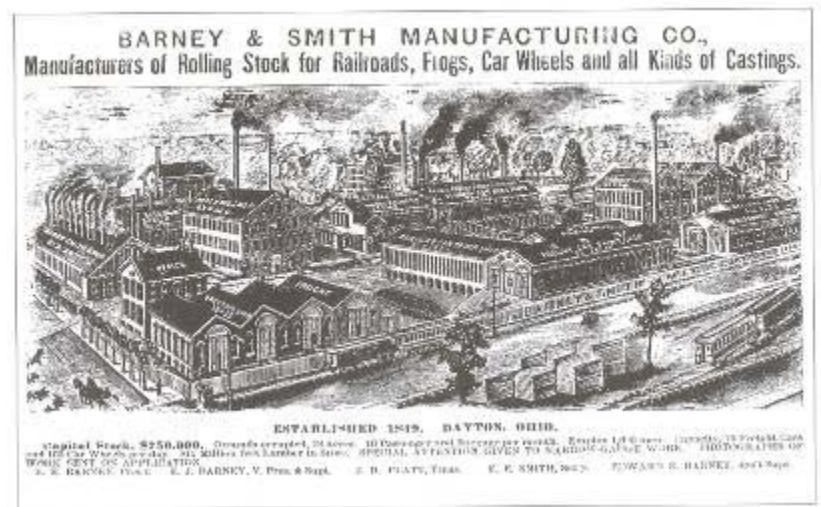


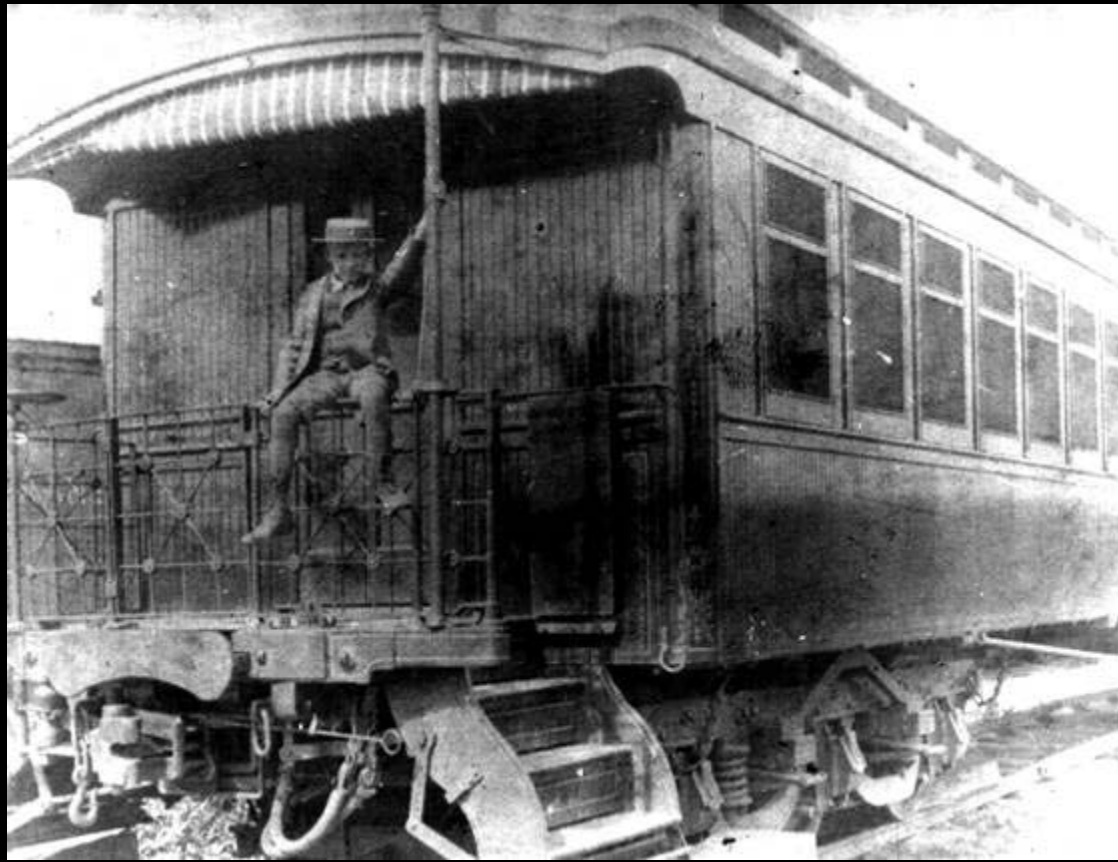






Children waiting for
"Messenger of Peace"
Chapel Car – c. 1920





"Messenger of Peace"
Chapel Car – c. 1915



Rev. Samuel Neil



"Messenger of Peace"
Chapel Car converted to
the Ritz-Limited Cafe





Battle of Walla Walla / Frenchtown







Chief Peo Peo Mox Mox



Fort Walla Walla, formerly Fort Nez Perce (1818).





Touchet River



Touchet Canyon

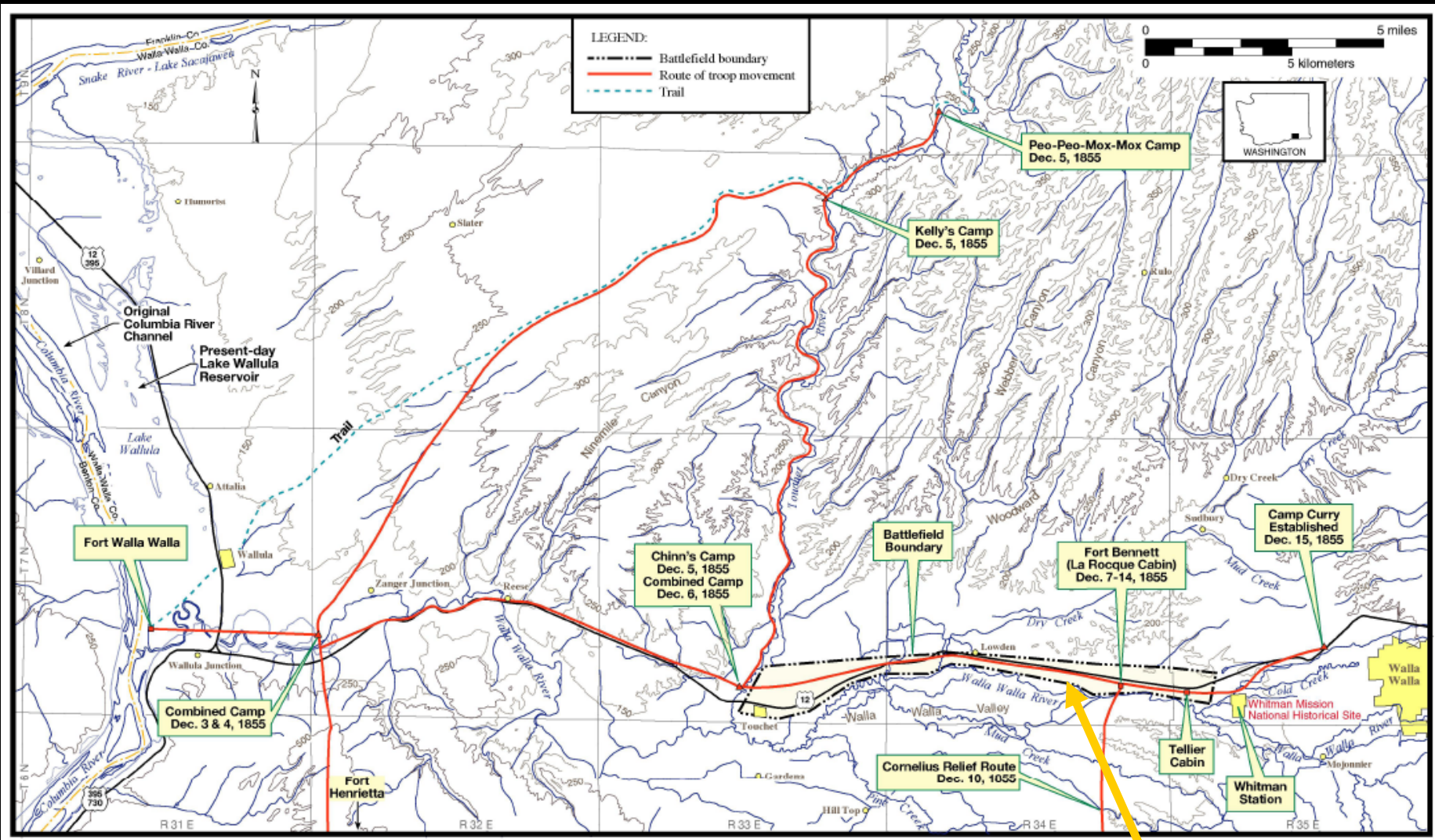


Knoll overlooking Dry Creek near Lowden



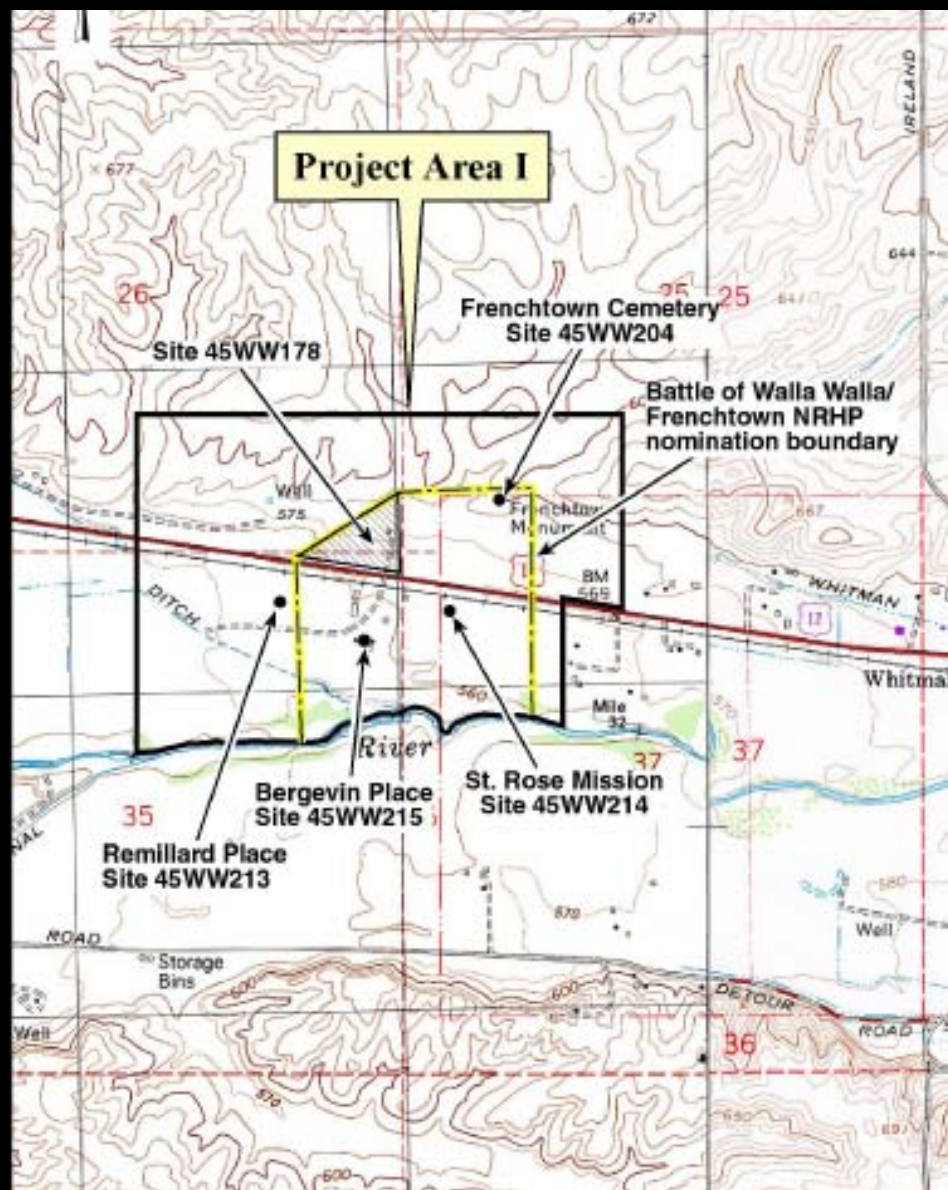
Views south and northeast of
La Rocque cabin site.





Battle of Walla Walla - Battlefield







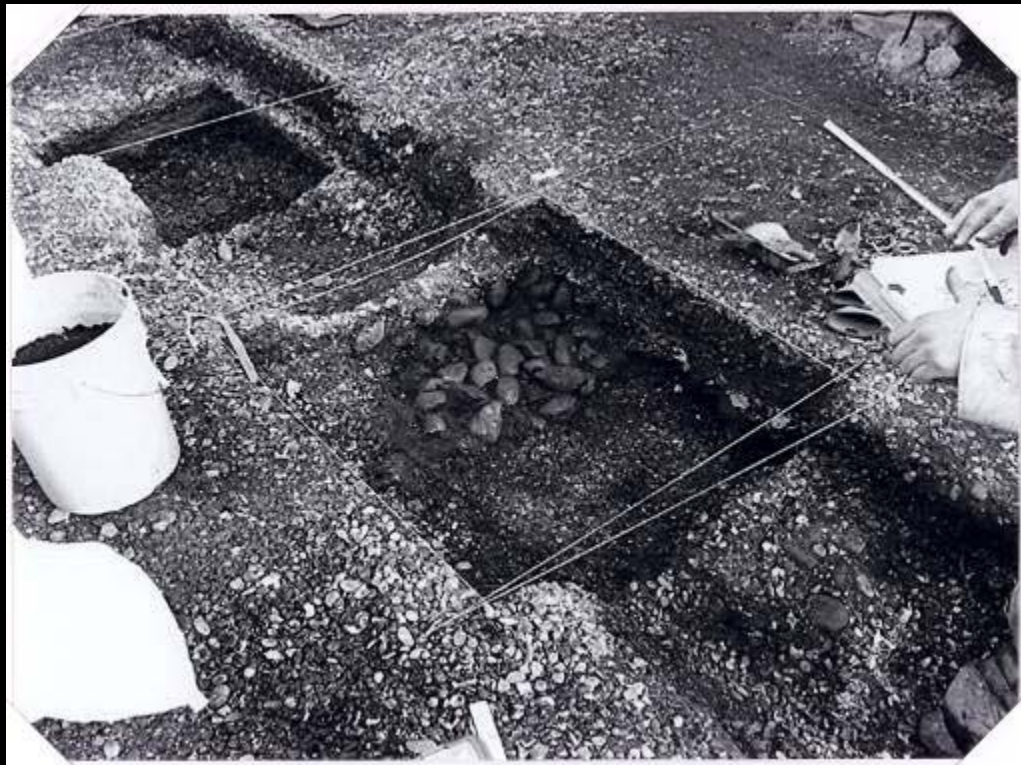
Frenchtown Cemetery

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Coder-Coleman House

















Frank Coder



Frank Coder laying last brick at Methodist Church







CADDE'S NEW HOUSE



Mukilteo Light Station







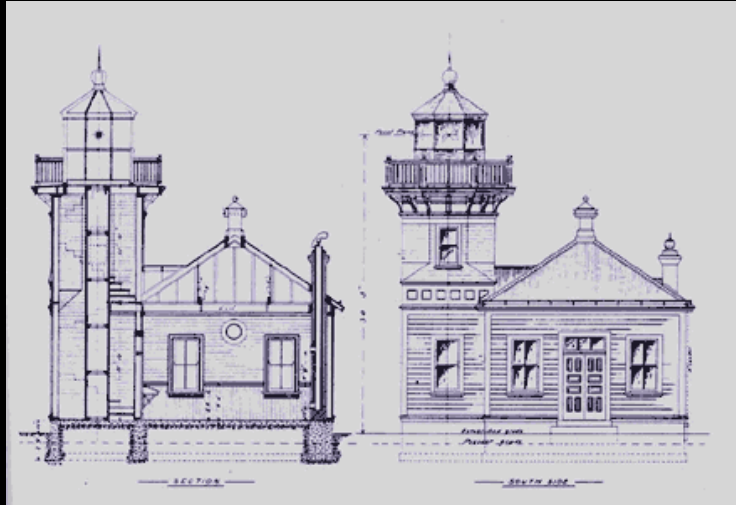








Carl W. Leick - Architect



Admiralty Head - 1903



Gray's Harbor
- 1898



Capt. Geo.
Flavell House -
1885



North Head - 1898



Samuel & Katherine Reiman House







Before
Rehabilitation



After
Rehabilitation









Restoration of 100-year-old house tells Quincy history

'This is the place where we all tell our stories'

By Anna Hensinger
Herald staff writer

QUINCY — One hundred years after its original construction, the restoration of the Reiman-Simmons House brings the community together to celebrate a history of diversity and new beginnings.

Restoration efforts began in 2001 after the last owner, Loren Simmons, willed the house to the city of Quincy upon his death in 1996. Members of the Quincy Valley Historical Society wanted "the public to begin to see and enjoy this house; the place where we all tell our stories," said Harriet Weber, public events coordinator with the QVHS.

Three years later, renovation efforts have revealed much about the house and the families who made it their home over the last century.

Sattiel and Kachenne Reiman, who were German-Russian immigrant farmers, had come to the United States in 1889 seeking a new and better life.

Settling first in South Dakota where they farmed for 23 years, they then moved to the Quincy Valley where they built what today is known as the Reiman-Simmons House.

Most immigrants at the time lived in homestead shacks, so it was quite unusual that the Reimans built their own house and owned the land that they lived on, Weber said.

The original homestead included a summer kitchen, barn, outbuildings and windmill for the family of 14 children, 12 of which survived.

It was "quite a feat" to find room for so many



Anna Hensinger/Columbia Basin Herald

Quincy Valley Historical Society volunteer, Joan Walton, stands in front of the 1904 Reiman-Simmons House while making drip candles at the third annual Harvest Festival on Saturday.

people around the dinner table, Weber said, adding that Mr. Reiman often enjoyed reading the Bible in the parlor downstairs.

And it is such images of the life and times of the original farm house that QVHS members and community volunteers have tried to recreate.

A summer kitchen, complete with a wood-burning stove was brought in by truck from a neighboring homestead, and the windmill was placed as near as possible to the location of the original one, Weber explained.

Inside the house, volunteers have begun refinishing the original woodwork and plaster, adding Victorian-style stenciling on the ceilings. "We've

even found horseshoe molding and some of the original wallpaper during the renovation," she said.

But there is still much more work and fundraising to be done.

Plans for future restoration efforts include adding a back porch with handicap access, window coverings and furnishings, and installing a sprinkler system.

The QVHS has applied for a state capital projects grant, but must raise \$20,000 over the next three years in order to qualify, Weber said.

Those interested in donating can call the QVHS at (509) 787-3737.

Simmons House closer to museum status

By Rosemary Cogdal
Herald staff writer

Turning a 1905 German F Street SW into Quincy's official museum and a local historical landmark is becoming closer reality. Last month, the Simmons House Museum board and the Quincy Valley Historical and Genealogical Society combined their efforts to create a lasting historical place and information source for local residents.

"This history and this is an opportunity that shouldn't be lost," said Gary Pillar. Pillar has been a driving force behind restoring the Simmons House. He was appointed to the Simmons House Museum board by Mayor Dick Zinkbein in 1999. Pillar was also instrumental in combining the museum board and the local genealogical society.

The Simmons House:

The Simmons House was built in 1905 by Sattiel and Kachenne Reiman, immigrant farmers. Reiman and his family came to the United States in 1881. They settled in South Dakota for 20 years before moving west to Washington state. They lived in Batsville and Okanogan before homesteading in Quincy in 1903.

When it was built, the large, elegant house included a summer kitchen, barn and several other outbuildings. The family lived in the house until 1925, when they moved to town. Reiman's son, Benjamin, lived in the house from 1929 to 1938. The house and property was then sold to the city of Quincy.



Photo courtesy Gary Pillar

The Simmons House on F Street is scheduled to open as a local museum in the fall of 2002.

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Turner helps Reiman-Simmons project

Efforts help house projects remain on schedule

By Matthew Weaver
Herald staff writer

QUINCY — Workers helping usher in a data storage facility made their mark on a different attraction in town.

Roughly 14 Turner Construction Company workers volunteered their time after work early Thursday evening to help demolish part of the front porch of the historic Reiman-Simmons house. The front porch will be restored to its original 1904 configuration, eliminating an indoor restroom added on in the 1920s.

The company is working to build the facility for Microsoft Network, expected to reach completion in December and be operational in

February.

They also are working to put the finishing touches on the bottom of a shed which will house two vintage tractors donated by local families and lawn and garden supplies. The tractor shed is the senior project by Mike Knutson, a Quincy High School graduate.

"It allowed us to be able to stay on a schedule that we needed to meet," said Reiman-Simmons House events director Harriet Weber of Turner's involvement, noting the demolition job would have been impossible for the local contractor working on the restoration project, which requires that the roof be supported and maintained. "They called us and so, you talk about wonderful timing on things. We were very, very fortunate that they stepped forward right at the moment that they did."

Yahoo! volunteers worked to assist at the Reiman-Simmons house earlier this year.

Thursday, Quincy Valley Society Historical Society president Harry Hudlow prepared bagna cauda — an Italian recipe combining garlic and olive oil — and "pitchfork fondue" — sirloins cooked in oil and placed on a pitchfork, cooked in four minutes — in a cauldron for workers as they took hammers and worked to take down boards, reaching the original material of the house.

Turner electrical superintendent Al Arthofer said it's company policy to encourage employees to become involved in communities where they're working. The company also planted trees at a new park and worked on grass edging in the local cemetery.

"Everyone is excited," Arthofer said. "We spend lots of time constructing things; this is a chance to deconstruct. So we can get all that aggression out, slinging hammers and sledgehammers and such."



Matthew Weaver/Columbia Basin Herald

Turner Construction Company workers participate in the dismantling of the historic Reiman-Simmons House front porch Thursday evening.



Sumer Kitchen



Garden Shed & Windmill



German Lutheran Church
Restoration Project





McChord Field Historic District











